IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (New): A communication system comprising:

a base station;

plural mobile stations;

the plural mobile stations each configured to

      receive a common control signal from the base station,

      hold a response signal for a random duration, the response signal is created in

response to the common control signal, and

      transmit the response signal after the random duration; and

the base station configured to

      receive plural response signals from plural mobile stations included in a

multicast group, the number of the plural response signals is at least one,

      receive subsequent response signals from other of the plural mobile stations

not included in the multicast group,

      transfer only the plural response signals received from the plural mobile

stations included in the multicast group, and

      retain the subsequent response signals received from the other of the plural

mobile stations not included in the multicast group.

Claim 8 (New): A method of communicating in a communication system including a

base station and plural mobile stations, the method comprising:

receiving, at a mobile station in the plural mobile stations, a common control signal

from the base station;

creating, at the mobile station, a response signal in response to the common control signal;

holding the response signal at the mobile station for a random duration;

transmitting the response signal to the base station after the random duration;

receiving, at the base station, plural response signals from plural mobile stations included in a multicast group, the number of the plural response signals is at least one;

receiving subsequent response signals from other of the plural mobile stations not included in the multicast group;

transferring only the plural response signals received from the plural mobile stations included in the multicast group; and

retaining the subsequent response signals received from the other of the plural mobile stations not included in the multicast group.